

**Annex D**

**IATO PROCEDURES**

An Interim Authority To Operate (IATO) is appropriate only in exceptional cases where a system cannot complete Interoperability Certification testing requirements prior to fielding for the following reasons:

- a. Urgent operational needs requiring fielding prior to testing.
- b. The first system to implement an interface.
- c. Similar situations that may warrant the granting of an IATO and are approved by the ITP.

An IATO is not appropriate for systems that have completed Interoperability Testing and failed to meet the identified interoperability requirements. The decision to field a system is the responsibility of the specific system fielding authority and should consider either the IATO or the interoperability certification letter/test report in making that decision.

An IATO shall not exceed 1 year in duration. Extensions may be considered by the ITP.

Approval of an IATO will be contingent on the following process:

1. Requests for an IATO will be submitted to the ITP using the form provided in ANNEX E. IATOs will be issued for a limited time period, but may not exceed one year.
2. The request will be forwarded to the ITP Members for concur/non-concur via email whenever possible and added to the agenda of the next ITP meeting. However, if the mandatory sections of the form are not completed, the request will be returned for completion before it is submitted for member review. Urgent out-of-cycle processing may be requested and the IATO will be processed electronically or telephonically. USJFCOM will provide an assessment of each IATO request for an operational user evaluation. The request form for IATO shall be submitted to the Joint Interoperability Test Command NSWC Attn: ITP Executive Agent (R. Hickman) 101 Strauss Ave, Bldg. 900, Indian Head, MD 20640-5035. Automated requests may be submitted via email to the address ITP\_EA@ncr.disa.mil. A copy of the request should also be sent to the respective Service/Agency Representatives for coordination.
4. The ITP will invite the requesting system's Program Management (PM) office to the next scheduled ITP meeting to brief the members

concerning the system and the justification for requesting IATO versus interoperability test certification of the system.

5. The members will then vote and approve/disapprove issuing an IATO. When the request is approved the IPTP chairman will forward a letter to the Program Manager documenting the approval and the item will be tracked on the automated IATO tracking spreadsheet described below.

6. When an IATO is within approximately 90 days of expiration, JITC will notify the PM/Acquisition Agent that action is needed. If a satisfactory resolution between JITC and the PM/Acquisition Agent cannot be attained, the IPTP executive agent will notify the responsible Service/Agency IPTP representative for corrective action. Each of these IATOs will be addressed at the next scheduled IPTP meeting. A spreadsheet containing the pertinent information on each open IATO will be distributed to the members in the agenda read-ahead packages and the meeting minutes packages. It will be the responsibility of the Service and Agency members to ensure that final resolution of all IATOs has been accomplished.